This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-28 (cancelled).

Claim 29. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free</u> cartilage membrane, comprising at least one surface part carrying a composition comprising at least one stimulation molecule, which induces a signal transduction in chondroblasts/chondrocytes and which is selected from the group consisting of collagen proteins, proteoglycans, and non-collageneous proteins.

Claim 30. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free</u> cartilage membrane according to claim 29, wherein the collagen protein is <u>selected from the group consisting of</u> collagen types II, VI, IX and XI, the proteoglycan is <u>selected from the group consisting of</u> aggrecans, decorin, fibromodulin and biglycan, and the non-collageneous protein is <u>selected from the group consisting of</u> cryoprecipitate, fibronectin, vitronectin, fibrinogen, fibrillin, kistrin, echistatin, von Willebrand factor, tenascin and anchorin CII.

Claim 31. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free</u> cartilage membrane according to claim 29, which is a non-immunogenic, non-toxic, biodegradable membrane.

Claim 32. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free</u> cartilage membrane according to claim 29, wherein the membrane material is porous or substantially porous.

Claim 33. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free</u> cartilage membrane according to claim 32, wherein the membrane is a natural or synthetic collagen type I membrane or part thereof.

Claim 34-38 (cancelled).

Claim 39. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free cartilage</u> membrane according to claim 29 [or 34], wherein the stimulation molecule comprises at least one RGD motif.

Claim 40. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free cartilage</u> membrane according to claim 39, wherein the stimulation molecule is a natural or synthetic protein or peptide or a fusion or mixture thereof.

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Claim 41. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free cartilage</u> membrane according to claim 40, wherein the stimulation molecule is selected from the group consisting of collagen type II and fibronectin.

Claim 42. (currently amended) A <u>cell-free cartilage</u> membrane according to claim 41, wherein the stimulation molecule is attached to a support.

Claims 43-51 (cancelled).

Claim 52. (currently amended) A kit for cartilage repair comprising a <u>cell-free</u> cartilage membrane [comprises] <u>comprising</u> at least one surface part carrying a composition comprising at least one stimulation molecule which induces a signal transduction in chondroblasts/chondrocytes and which is selected from the group consisting of collagen proteins, proteoglycans and non-collageneous proteins.

Claims 53-57 (cancelled).